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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Altenburg

25X1 EVALUATION

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25X1 DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 29 May 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Prior to 13 May 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne in Altenburg was occupied only by a rear detail of about 200 troops. Only physical training was observed. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.¹
2. Prior to 13 May, the Infanterie Kaserne in Altenburg was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The bulk of the unit stationed there was at the training grounds. Troops were almost daily seen receiving instruction on 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 2 x 57-mm AT guns in the area behind the installation. Up to 250 troops were almost daily drilling in the barracks yard. Only a few vehicles were observed. Some of the vehicles, apparently supply vehicles, were observed in both, the Artillerie and the Infanterie Kaserne. Most of the officers' buildings on Leipzigerstrasse were vacant. During the second half of April, a board fence, 2.5 meters high, had been erected along the buildings on Leipzigerstrasse.²

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig, since late April, has been in Altengrabow. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. Beginning 20 April, elements of the 38th Army AT Arty Brig are believed stationed at a training grounds, presumably at Ohrdruf. [redacted]

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